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Voters' Petition for Referendum Slows Parkside Annexation

by Sandy Smith

An exultant Sylvia Lewis presented petitions with 3,500 names, calling for a referendum on the decision to annex Parkside, to the mayor and councilmembers at the November 9 regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council. Lewis held up the stack of petitions with the number of names far exceeding the approximately 1900 needed to put this issue on the ballot. Council had voted last month to annex the Parkside area with its 30-some homes in a move initiated by a request by Parkside residents.

Some current Greenbelt residents approved this action, but many others did not. The latter group moved to oppose the annexation by giving voters an opportunity to rescind it by direct vote. Other Greenbelters spoke of their desire to support a democratic process.

At the request of Mayor Judith Davis, City Clerk David Moran then outlined the next required steps. He will request an exact count and list of registered voters from the County Board of Elections and check names on the petition to ensure that at least 20 percent of the registered vot-

ers in Greenbelt have signed the petition. The city will then issue a proclamation rescinding the annexation of Parkside and establish a timetable for processes leading up to a special election. Moran said the entire process would move as quickly as possible but that he did not expect it to be completed until after the first of the year.

Police Lieutenant Promotion

The long-standing requirement of an Associate Degree for the position of lieutenant in the Greenbelt Police Department came up for discussion again after an earlier council vote to remove that requirement impacted the current candidate selection process. In an earlier work session, council had eliminated the degree requirement, believing that the process would thus be opened to a larger group of qualified candidates. However, speakers including Fraternal Order of Police representative John Rogers and numerous officers at all ranks testified that council's move not only affected this position and an ongoing recruitment process but would have a deleterious effect on morale throughout the force.

Opposition to the change was
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Status of Greenbelt Schools Is Evaluated by City Council

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt City Council met in worksession with the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) and representatives of the Eleanor Roosevelt Cluster of Schools on November 4. Leta Mach, ACE chair, and Alla Lake represented the committee while the cluster of schools was represented by Gerald Boarman, Chief Educational Officer, Kristen Feltz, Community Outreach Coordinator, and Sharon Walter, Curriculum Coordinator. Three major topics were discussed: the second annual ACE report to the City Council; a report on the Greenbelt schools; and the issue of erecting lights on the playing field at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS).

Annual Report

Mach summarized for the Council the many activities undertaken by ACE during the 1997-98 school year. These include providing recommendations to the council on issues such as TRIM, the French Immersion Program at Greenbelt Middle School, the transfer of sixth grade students from Springhill Lake Elementary School to Greenbelt Middle School and support for reopening Berwyn Heights Elementary School. The committee also provides a Greenbelt presence at school board meetings.

Greenbelt School Study

Mach described how the study was undertaken by combining state data with data obtained from the ERHS cluster of schools. Mach is concerned about hearing that people do not want to move to Greenbelt because of the schools. She summarized some of the positive findings such as Greenbelt Elementary School being named a National Blue Ribbon School and ERHS receiving its second national recognition as a Blue Ribbon School. ERHS, already known for its academic excellence, was recently recognized by the Washington Post as one of the most challenging

Opponents' Petitions Win Referendum

On Monday, November 16, Mayor Judith F. Davis signed a proclamation suspending Resolution 879. This resolution, which was approved on September 28, 1998, authorized the annexation of the Parkside neighborhood. The current proclamation resulted from a petition submitted by Greenbelt citizens requesting that the annexation decision be brought to the voters through referendum.

At the next regular meeting on Monday, November 23, council will establish the procedure and date for holding the referendum.

In opposing Resolution 879, petitioners needed to collect signatures from 20% of all registered voters. According to the Prince George's County Board of Supervisors of Elections, the required number of signatures was thus 1,945. City staff have verified that at least 2,300 valid signatures well in excess of the required number were submitted on November 8.

As mandated by Article 23A, Section 19 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Mayor was required to issue the proclamation suspending the earlier annexation action.

schools in the metropolitan area.

Both Greenbelt Middle and Robert Goddard Middle Schools exceed the county and state in the Maryland Functional Test scores. However, even though both of these schools exceed the county for the Maryland School Performance Assessment tests in most areas, they do not meet the standards that the state considers satisfactory.

The report also contains a number of areas of concern, including the large numbers of students at Goddard and Greenbelt Middle who receive free or reduced-price lunches and the larger than expected numbers of students in these two schools who are absent more than 20 days in the year. Both of these schools have had a large turnover in teachers. Greenbelt Elementary has seen falling scores in its standardized tests. Mayor Judith Davis, a county school teacher, commented that low teacher salaries and falling test scores encourage teachers to move to other counties. Boarman stated that some analyses have shown that the minority children in the ERHS cluster score higher than other counties' minority students, but Prince George's county just has many more minority students than the other counties. The State, however, does not like to look at the test scores by race, he commented. Lake com-

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Record Crowds Throng To See "Wizard of Oz"

by Altoria Bell Ross

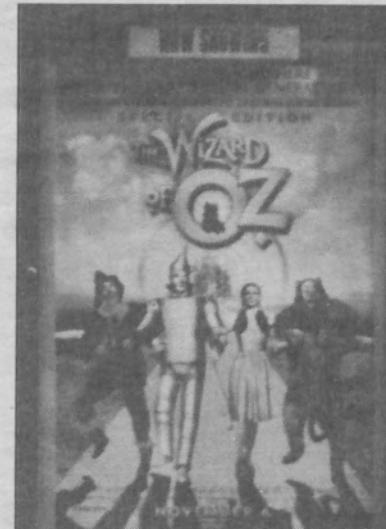
Moviegoers came out in record numbers to see "The Wizard of Oz" at the Old Greenbelt Theater on November 6 through 19, kicking off a film festival to keep the doors of the historic movie house open.

During the second weekend showing, about 800 people saw the movie classic; on the opening weekend, 1,200 viewed it. The normal weekend attendance is 200 to 300 people. The average weekday attendance for the movie was 120. The regular turnout is 10 to 35, owner Paul Sanchez said.

"It is better than we thought. We are hopeful," he said. "What will happen when we return to our regular fare, we don't know. We have our fingers crossed." In fact, Sanchez was so pleased that he has extended the run of "The Wizard of Oz" through December 3 and scheduled extra showings over Thanksgiving, one at 5 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day and another at 2:45 p.m. on the following day.

Friends Group Forming

The Friends of the Greenbelt Theater, which is in the process of formation to support and preserve the historic movie house, is hoping to keep the theater afloat. Several people have already joined the group and contributed money, said Sarah Schaffer, city recreation coordinator and spokeswoman for the Save the Greenbelt Theater campaign.



"Wizard of Oz"

Anyone who has signed up at the Friends Table in the theater will be receiving an invitation to join in the mail shortly.

The second film festival, called "Classic Movie Week," is scheduled for December 18 and 19 with "The King and I" and "The Sound of Music" on December 20 through 23. Elected officials will be invited for the premiere on that Friday, said W. Bowman Ferguson, city senior management analyst. Ferguson said he, Sanchez, and Schaffer will meet on Tuesday, November 24, to discuss the other details such as promotional giveaways for December's film festival. Sanchez is considering a Frequent Movie Watcher Club where repeat patrons will receive free movie tickets.

Public Hearing Monday On Cable Renewal Pact

by Beverly Palau

Greenbelt Public Information and Communications Coordinator

The Greenbelt City Council will hold a public hearing on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Jones Communications at the beginning of the November 23 city council meeting. The public is invited to speak on cable issues at this time. City Council will decide whether or not to approve the MOU during the regular meeting.

After many months of negotiations, Greenbelt, as part of the Prince George's County Cable Coalition, has reached agreement on an MOU with Jones Communications to provide cable television services. The MOU outlines the major negotiating points that have been agreed upon and on which the franchise renewal documents will be based.

The franchise renewal will be for a 15-year term with a mid-term review of the franchise to assure that the system remains state-of-the-art. At the time of the review, if the system does not meet that criteria, the coalition can reopen negotiations.

In addition to the current 5% franchise fee, Jones Communica-

tions will pay the equivalent of an additional 3% that will serve as a capital grant for the use of Public, Educational and Governmental access. This will include construction of a county-wide Institutional Network (I-Net) to be built over the first four years. The I-Net will provide six strands of dark fiber connecting over 170 sites throughout the county. This includes a large majority of governmental buildings and all middle schools and high schools in the county.

The I-Net will provide county and municipal governments the capability of high speed

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What Goes On

Mon., Nov. 23, 7 p.m.
City Council Worksession with Michael Rogers, executive director, Council of Governments, Municipal Building

8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wed., Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m. Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road

Letters to the Editor

Details Needed

While I appreciate the support shown for young people in the recent letter from the Cohens, I have to correct some errors:

1. First, the merchants are concerned about drug dealers. A dispute among dealers resulted in a person being thrown into the window of the Beijing restaurant.

2. The phones were removed because of drug dealing at the center.

3. The New Deal Cafe tried to locate at Roosevelt Center but couldn't afford the rent so it settled for the nearby Community Center. Community support is so low for the cafe that it can only hope to survive, let alone fulfill the original dream to locate at Roosevelt Center.

4. The theater was given permission to become a dinner theater but the theater owner decided not to convert.

Part of the reason the Cohens don't have the complete picture is because neither the Center owners nor the News Review gives a complete picture of crime in Greenbelt. This also shows that the City Council should not be concerned that the Greenbelt police are giving out too thorough a crime report. We can't make informed decisions without knowing what's going on and the problem in Greenbelt and other communities is almost always that the citizens are given too little information on crime.

The Center merchants were brave to write their letter even if it lacked the details needed to convince citizens who are unaware of the problems.

Don Comis

Annexation Plagued With Misinformation

We want to thank you for the even and thorough analysis printed in the Thursday, October 15 issue of the Greenbelt News Review. It truly summarized the facts and put this whole issue in perspective. It is unfortunate that it was not done earlier, because the Parkside Community Annexation process is still plagued with misinformation.

We have heard statements relating to the estimated \$15,000 in net tax revenue the City of Greenbelt will receive stated as, "the present city residents would have to pay \$15,000 if we let those people in." On November 12, the entire petition was submitted to the city for acceptance. It has been determined that enough registered voters have signed this petition. If these signatures stand up to close scrutiny and confirmation, the council will be required to suspend their Resolution to Annex Parkside and conduct a referendum vote. This vote could happen on a cold winter day, or a warm rainy spring one. It could happen next November, or anytime in between.

Now the effort for the opposing sides will be to get all those residents to go to the polling place and cast their vote. Unfortunately, we know who can be counted on to show up. The handful of naysayers who do not want this to happen. We know a majority of Greenbelters support this annexation.

Frankly, Parkside residents are weary of the effort. We welcome your suggestions as to how we can help encourage the silent majority of Greenbelters to vote in support of this annexation and your elected officials. They have expended energy at a level which has been met and surpassed by a group intent on having their way. If we could be

to the topography and other challenges of the site.

As far as any concern that our homes will slide down the hill, we will not insult your readers' intelligence by making a comment about this.

There was stated a concern that Parkside will be out of communications range for public works trucks. This can be resolved very easily by utilizing some of the estimated \$15,000 in net revenue to upgrade the existing radio system, which the entire city will get the benefit of.

We have been continually asked why Parkside does not just ask Riverdale to annex it. One answer is that we are surrounded on three sides by the city boundaries of Greenbelt. Until recently, the Riverdale/Riverdale Park Corporate limits were about a mile away. More importantly, Riverdale center and its services are further from Parkside than Greenbelt's are.

We see the Riverdale Police patrol Good Luck Road, up to Parkdale High School. We see the Greenbelt Police patrol to the intersection of Good Luck and Kenilworth and routinely drive across Good Luck to the intersection of Hanover Parkway and Good Luck. Coverage is not an issue; the police are already in the neighborhood.

The impact of annexation of Parkside is primarily evident in the efforts of a few Greenbelt residents who, to their credit, have obtained enough signatures on a petition to force the council's vote to a referendum. They have decided, for a variety of reasons, that Parkside should not be a part of the city. The salvos exchanged in your paper have been the way each side has communicated its position. These Greenbelters have taken it upon themselves to inform others of the issues, sometimes incorrectly — this has incited others to take inappropriate actions and make inappropriate responses (including Parkside residents).

I am sure we'll see you in the next few weekends as we support each other's bazaars and festivals throughout the holiday season.

Robin Olson, President
Mishkan Torah Sisterhood

I want to thank the citizens of the 23rd District who turned out in large numbers in the November 3 general election and particularly those who expressed confidence in my candidacy for the Maryland House of Delegates. To be entrusted once again to represent you in Annapolis as we make many tough decisions and deal with complex public policies that will shape our future for years to come, is a humbling experience. You can be sure that I will continue my commitment to issues affecting our communities, children, health and safety. I particularly will press for effective public policies combining the power of private decision-making with the interests of public health, such as expanding our right-to-know laws as pro-active prevention through notification of toxics in our environment.

I am committed to making the 23rd District and all of Prince George's County a better place to be. If I can be of any assistance on any matter legislative or constituent, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 301-262-0538.

Joan Pitkin, Member
Maryland House of
Delegates

On behalf of Mishkan Torah Sisterhood I would like to thank the wonderful Greenbelt community for the generous support of our Rummage Sale last weekend. Funds collected will help pay for building repairs and maintenance. Unsold ladies business attire and dresses were donated to the County's Women & Children's Crisis Center in Hyattsville, for displaced women to wear for job interviews. Other items went to a health clinic and shelter in DC that maintains a clothes closet for the needy. Come again next year — the same weekend, starting Sunday, November 7, 1999.

I am sure we'll see you in the next few weekends as we support each other's bazaars and festivals throughout the holiday season.

Phil Brandis

Kudos to the Public Works Department. They have done and are doing a masterful job in making the pathway around the Greenbelt Lake walker and jogger friendly. They have flattened grey pebbles into a smooth, almost carpeted surface that's a real pleasure to walk on. Gone are the protruding rocks and stones forever poised to pounce on the careless, unwary foot. I look forward to my walks now. Great job, guys, keep up the good work!

assured that all registered voters of Greenbelt would participate in the process, we would be encouraged; however, human nature being what it is, we all know this is not the fact. Parkside, consisting of a handful of homes, and Greenbelt, consisting of two handfuls of "naysayers," will battle this out to a conclusion that will affect 20,000 souls. If the council vote is upheld by referendum, then 20,000 people will benefit from having the Parkside community join them — if it is defeated, they will not.

Timothy M. Edwards,
Co-President Parkside
Homeowners Association

THANKS

The Greenbriar Community Association would like to thank the following businesses and residents for their support in raising funds for the Greenbelt Emergency Relief Fund. The collective efforts of the following helped to ensure the success of the event: the Baltimore Orioles, the Bowie Baysox, Circuit City, DavCo Restaurants, Inc., Dorothy Patterson Pyles, Giant, Jaspers, Greenbelt Children's Center, Jerri's Gems, Law Office of Frank J. Emig, SunDun Inc., S. W. Murphy - Contractor, and Pleasant Touch. The event raised \$600 through donations and items donated for a silent auction. We would also like to thank all those persons who bid on items in the auction. If you were one of the lucky bidders, congratulations!

Greenbriar Community Association

At its November 9 meeting, the City Council received a 208 page petition containing 3,571 signatures requesting that there be a referendum on the Parkside Annexation. This was 184% of the 1,945 that were required. Over 30 Greenbelters had gathered these signatures during the previous five weeks, throughout every section of our city, from every segment of our community.

I wish personally to thank those who helped to make this such a pleasant and energizing experience. Those new friends that I have made, who were part of the canvassing effort; the people who answered their doors with a smile and thanked us for initiating and working on the petition; those who made a special trip to my home to deliver their signatures in person, or who mailed in their signature slips. I would also like to thank those who courteously declined to sign, for whatever reason.

Throughout this entire process, I have appreciated the professionalism of City Clerk David Moran, who was always willing to answer my questions or research the answers if they were not readily available.

The enthusiasm, interest and involvement of so many Greenbelters has been inspiring.

Sylvia J. Lewis



John Lynch, president, Greenbriar Community Association board of directors presents \$600 to Mayor Judith Davis which was raised for the Greenbelt Emergency Relief Fund.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.



"Dinosaur Babies": Michele Valeri, Ingrid Crepeau, Big Bad Baby Rex, Doris Stegosaurus, Trueland Triceratops III. The "Dino Babies" have performed outstanding theater for millions of children nationwide. - photo by Irene Young

Affordable Family Fun On Saturday Mornings

Looking for a great, affordable program of family activities without having to brave the Beltway? Well, look no further. The Greenbelt Community Center is the new location of the Friends Community School Family Concert Series which offers affordable, quality entertainment. This annual entertainment program in its sixth year gives outstanding Saturday morning productions in November, January and February, right here in Greenbelt.

DinoBabies

Join Big Bad Baby Rex and the rest of the DinoBabies on Saturday, November 21, at 11 a.m. A generation has grown up singing with Danny Diplodocus and "Hack," the hadrosaur from Hackensack.

Walt Michael & Company

Walt Michael, a virtuoso who has had tremendous influence on the revival of the hammered dulcimer, and his group will perform on Saturday, January 30, at 11 a.m. Enjoy old-time Southern Appalachian, Celtic, and original compositions.

Anansegromma

Anansegromma, a performance drawing on a rich heritage of African stories, customs, dance and rhythms will be offered on Saturday, February 27, at 11 a.m. Kofi and Kwame have developed programs that engage, educate and entertain audiences of all ages. When they performed at the Smithsonian Festival of American Folklife, the group was described as a "foot-stomping, hand-clapping asset to our festival...strongly recommended!"

Concerts will take place at the Greenbelt Community Center and benefit the Friends Community School, an independent, non-profit elementary school. Tickets can be

Community Events

GHI Notes

On November 23, the Newsletter Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI Library.

November 23 the Finance Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

November 26 and 27, GHI offices will be closed for Thanksgiving. For emergency maintenance on these days call 301-474-6011.

Judith Resnik Group Hadassah Meets

On Tuesday, November 24, at 7:45 p.m., the Judith Resnik Group of Hadassah will meet. The program is the Israeli film, "I Love You, Rosa," explained by Leila Otterman. Call 301-345-2327 for more information and location.

Greenbelt Featured On the Internet

Sidewalk.com is a nationwide travel and leisure guide sponsored by Microsoft Network, with each "Sidewalk" site focusing on a city. There has been a "Sidewalk" site for Washington for over a year. The sites serve as an online magazine, cataloging restaurants, theaters, festivals, activities, bars, clubs and anything associated with leisure time or nightlife. Each week the site produces a section called "Get Out" which highlights an attraction within driving distance of Washington, D.C. Greenbelt is featured for this week. To visit the site go to <http://washington.sidewalk.com/GetOut>.

purchased at Greenbelt Video, Old Friends Thrift Store in College Park, or the House of Musical Traditions in Takoma Park. The cost is modest, especially for the three concert series.

For tickets or information call 301-699-6086, ext. 29.



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Holiday Bazaar Set At Community Church

Handmade holiday and decor items, international crafts, kids crafts, next to new items and baked goods will be sold at the Greenbelt Community Church Holiday Bazaar and Auction on Saturday, November 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. An auction is planned to begin at 1:30 p.m. There will be goods and services offered for sale to high bidders as well as gift baskets. Door prizes and other surprises are in store for the auction visitors. Shoppers can also buy lunch at the bazaar.

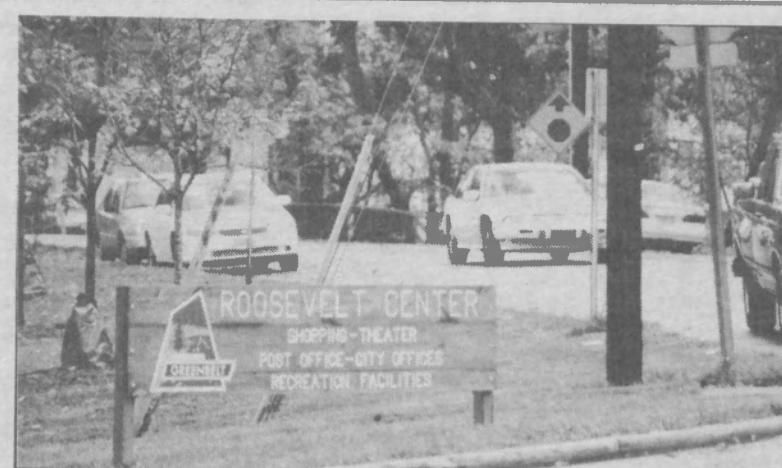
The bazaar and auction will be held in the basement of the Community Church, located at the corner of Hillside and Crescent Roads. For information, call 301-474-6171.

Intramural Basketball Opens For Practice

Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club Intramural Basketball has begun. Practice times are Wednesday, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 27. Participants born in 1991 and 1992 will practice from 6 to 6:45 p.m., those born in 1990 will practice from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. and players born in 1989 will practice from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. All practices will be held at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

Practice times for Saturday, Nov. 28 at the Youth Center will be: those born in 1991 and 1992 from 9 - 10 a.m.; birth years 1990 at 10 - 11 a.m., and 1989 from 11 a.m. - noon.

All participants need to be registered through the club's registrar, Mel Scites, 301-441-8689. There is a fee. The deadline for sign-ups is Saturday, December 5.



New signs on Crescent Road appeared in time to help theatergoers find the yellow brick road to the Wizard of Oz.

- photo by Leigh Catterton

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

The next meeting of the Golden Age Club will be November 25. There will be a speaker, Mitch Markowich, who will talk about assisted living, a timely topic.

Florence Holly announced the following slate of officers for upcoming elections: President William Souser, Vice Presidents Irving Siegel and Joe Wilkinson, Recording Secretary Ruth Huggins, Corresponding Secretary Pearl Siegel (continuing) and Treasurer Shep Odom (continuing). Thanks to these members for running and serving.

Pearl Siegel gave the report on the Travel Committee. It's been suggested that no December trip be slated since it's a busy time of year. Quite a few members were absent, due to Veterans Day.

Don't forget the Seniors' Dance at St. Hugh's, Grenoble Hall, this Saturday (November 21). This is presented by the Knights of Columbus, and there is no cost to seniors. Come join the fun!

This reporter apologizes for not mentioning Bob Terrell, when listing those who turned 80 in October and that blonde even

Gray Panthers Workshop Set

An open public workshop on "The Growing Divide: Inequality and the Roots of Economic Insecurity" is being given by the Gray Panthers on Saturday, November 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Police Station.

Participants will look at recent changes in income and wealth distribution, and examine the changes in policy which have fueled inequality.

Participants in the workshop will explore ways to narrow the gap between the rich and everyone else. Everyone is invited.

sang "Happy Birthday" to him at the party! Sorry, Bob.

A fund is being set up to help Greenbeler Cindy S. Waters, who is very ill, and needing help with medical costs. She also has a young son. President Irene Hensel has information on this, for those who would like to donate.

Jim Cooley and Maria Switzer are on the sick list. Jim is at home; Maria is in the hospital; Selene Bonebrake is also back in the hospital in Clinton. Get well wishes go to all ill members.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Greenbelt City Council adopted Resolution Number 879 on September 28, 1998 and Resolution Number 879 became effective on November 12, 1998;

WHEREAS, Resolution Number 879 annexes an area of 7.70 acres, more or less, known as the Parkside community into the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt; and

WHEREAS, Article 23A, Section 19 of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides a process for residents of the City of Greenbelt to petition such an annexation resolution to referendum by obtaining the signatures of at least 20% of the registered voters in the City of Greenbelt; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 1998 a petition for referendum was presented to the chief executive officer of the City of Greenbelt at a regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council; and

WHEREAS, city administrative staff, using a voter registration list provided by the Prince George's County Board of Supervisors of Elections dated October 30, 1998 containing 9,722 names, have verified that the petition contains in excess of 2,300 signatures, well above the required 20% figure of 1,945.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Judith F. Davis, by the authority vested in me by the citizens and City Council of Greenbelt and in accordance with Article 23A, Section 19 of the Annotated Code of Maryland hereby

SUSPEND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 879

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland to be affixed this 16th day of November, 1998

JUDITH F. DAVIS, Mayor

ATTEST: David E. Moran
City Clerk



Lest we forget. Wreaths are placed at the war memorial in memory of those Greenbelt residents who lost their lives in war.

- photo by Leigh Catterton



Dignitaries gather at American Legion Post 136 for this year's Veterans Day services.

- photo by Leigh Catterton

Side Door Coffee House Double Feature

On Saturday, November 21, at 7 and 8:30 p.m., the Side Door Coffee House at Riverdale Presbyterian Church (6513 Queens Chapel Road, University Park) will present two performances of "The Challenge of Bureaucracy," by Carole Glickfield, and "The Chance of a Lifetime or How the Unicorn Lost his Spot," by H. Michael Krawitz. Both plays will be presented at each evening performance.

"The Challenge of Bureaucracy" is a humorous snapshot of life. Is getting the "run around" more exercise than you need? You aren't alone. All is not lost. "The Chance of a Lifetime or How the Unicorn Lost His Spot" reveals what happens when the unicorn, like

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

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November 22, 1998

9:30 & 11:15 a.m.

Thanksgiving Celebration by John Burciaga, Interim Minister, Abby Crowley, Director, Relig. Ed., and Daniel Abraham, Music Director

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Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Municipal Building Sundays 10 A.M.

Baha'i Faith

"In truth, religion is a radiant light and an impregnable stronghold for the protection and welfare of the peoples of the world, for the fear of God impelleth man to hold fast to that which is good, and shun all evil."

-Baha'i Sacred Writings

Greenbelt Baha'i Community P.O. Box 245 Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-345-2918 301-220-3160

Tune in Baha'i Radio every Saturday at 12 noon on WUST 1120 on the AM dial

Information about the Baha'i Faith is on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.bahai.org/>

You're Welcome Here

St. George's Episcopal Church

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Corner of Lanham-Severn Road (MD 564) and Glenn Dale Road, Just South of Greenbelt Rd (MD193), Glenn Dale

301-262-3285

<http://members.aol.com/stgeogd/>

Sunday Services

9 am Folk Service (Interpreted for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing)

10 am Education for all ages

11 am Sung Service

Toy Drive Kick-Off At Beltway Plaza

The merchants of Beltway Plaza Mall and the Greenbelt Lions' Club have joined together with a goal of raising at least \$15,000 worth of new toys for distribution to families, orphans, churches and hospitals. The Lions' Club decided to collect for only new toys this year.

To kick off the drive, Beltway Plaza is hosting a Holiday Parade and festivities on Saturday, November 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. The Redskinettes, the Wizards' Dance Team, Red Hot and Rolling Rollerblading Tricksters and Dancing Stiltwalker will perform. Also featured will be Christmas tunes on the Steel Drum, plus local bands, pom pom squads and step clubs. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, McGruff, and JJ, Kronkle & Trish from Jeepers! will also join the parade. The arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus will complete the parade. Bree Taylor-Grigsby of radio station Magic 102.3 will act as host.

After the parade there will be a tree lighting and snow at Santa's North Pole at Center Court inside the mall. The Redskinettes and Wizards' Dance Team will sign autographs. There will also be a juggling show, a magic show, amazing balloon sculptures, the holiday mime, face painting, free Pepsi One soda, photos with Santa Claus and prizes from WMMJ-FM.

Although the entire event is free, it is hoped that everyone who shares in the fun will donate a new unwrapped toy that afternoon. Toys can be dropped off at the Greenbelt Lions' Club bright green and red toy box located off Center Court or at any of the other toy boxes located in the mall. Toys will be collected up until December 20.

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HEARING

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voice, video and data communications. Elementary schools will be provided with high speed cable modems for these purposes.

In the new franchise agreement, Jones Communications also will make cable modem service available to subscribers. This method to connect to the Internet is faster than traditional phone line service.

Jones also agreed to supply an additional channel to the municipalities; this would allow the city to have its own public access channel in addition to the municipal channel that is currently shared with public access. The city will also see the connection of Springhill Lake Recreation Center and Springhill Lake Elementary School as part of the new agreement. This may open the door for greater communications in this part of the city.

The MOU provides for improvements in the subscriber network and customer service. The subscriber network will be enhanced over the next two years to extend the use of fiber optic cable deeper into the system, replacing some of the coaxial cable and reducing the number of amplifiers needed to provide a quality signal. It will also include system status

Give a Pet a Home

The PG County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals/Humane Society (SPCA/HS) desperately needs temporary foster homes for dogs/cats. Take in a homeless animal. Call 301-262-5625, press 2, leave message.



monitoring to alert the company to outages and problem areas. The entire system will be tested immediately so that problem areas can be immediately addressed. Strict guidelines for phone service have been established with penalties being assessed if they are not met. Backup power to the system will be upgraded to provide service even during power outages. Customers will automatically receive a credit for a full day for any outages over six hours and will receive a pro-rated credit for shorter outages that are reported.

Chamber Jazz Recital November 24 at UM

The University of Maryland School of Music will present a chamber jazz recital on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ulrich Recital Hall of the Tawes Fine Arts Building. Three student jazz combos will perform, two coached by Ron Elliston and one coached by Chris Vadala. Also featured on the program will be a faculty jazz combo comprised of Chris Vadala, Ron Elliston, Robert Gibson, Gerard Kunkel, Steve Fidyk, Richard Wexler, and Richard King.

Admission is free; no tickets are required. For additional information call 301-405-1150.



Greenbelt's Recycling Committee celebrated America Recycles Day with an exhibit and a nature walk at the Lake Park led by the city's horticulturist Bill Phelan, on right. The others, from left, are Mike Clem, the city's new recycling coordinator; Neal Barnett, recycling committee member and Tom White, city councilmember.

- photo by Leigh Catterton

WORK SESSION WITH MICHAEL ROGERS (COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)

MUNICIPAL BUILDING LIBRARY

November 23 1998 - 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL ROOM
November 23, 1998 - 8:00 p.m.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations

(The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks () placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval)*

5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations

- Michael Rogers, Exec. Dir. - Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
- Check Presentation from Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club
- Finance Award
- Public Hearing on Memorandum of Understanding with Jones Communications

7. Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council)

- * 8. Minutes of Meetings

9. Administrative Reports

- * 10. Committee Reports

III. LEGISLATION

11. A Resolution to Establish Fees Relating to the Exercise of Powers of the District Council in Regard to Design Standards, Landscaping Requirements, Parking and Loading Standards, Sign Design Standards, and Variances for Lot Size, Setback, and Other Similar Requirements
- 2nd Reading & Adoption

12. A Resolution Extending the Terms of the Cable Franchise Granted to Jones Communications of Maryland Inc. Authorizing the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of a Cable Television System in the City of Greenbelt
- 1st Reading

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

12. FY 1998 Audit & Management Letter
13. Approval of Professional Services for Metro Development
14. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Jones Communications
15. Referendum Election
16. 1999 Legislative Program
- * 17. Approval of Special Holiday
- * 18. Reappointments to City Advisory Groups

V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting.

Check out the Greenbelt Citylink website at
www.ci.greenbelt.md.us

David E. Moran
City Clerk

City of Greenbelt Public Hearing on Agreement with Jones Communications

The City of Greenbelt, as part of the Prince George's County Cable Coalition, has drafted a Memorandum of Understanding that the new cable franchise agreement will be based on. Residents are invited to ask questions express their concerns. The public hearing will be included as part of the Regular City Council Meeting.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD AT 8:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers-25 Crescent Road

FOR SALE

Glenn Dale - 3/4 BR, 3 BA detached home, detached 2 car garage, PRISTINE CONDITION, 2 finished levels. Seller says sell! \$154,900. Call Lorie.

Beltsville - 3/4 BR, 3 BA Huge country kitchen. So beautiful from stem to stern. Large workroom, computer room, screened porch. Quick I95 access, lovely street. \$150's.

Crofton - affordable, but lovely end unit townhome, 3 finished levels, 3 BR, 2 1/2 baths. Seller has already purchased new home; \$114,900.

Greenbelt - Lakefront - 2 car garage, 2 spa ~~SOLD~~ finished levels. 4 BR, 3 BA. Best lot on Lake. Call Lorie.

Greenbelt - Buy now, lock-in low rates, move next spring! Seller pays your mortgage. Detached home, Woodland Hills, brick, 2 finished levels, Florida room, Premium siting. Call Lorie.

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City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works



This schedule may also be found at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us

LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 2-6	LAKESIDE
NOVEMBER 9-13	BOXWOOD
NOVEMBER 16-20	WOODLAND HILLS
NOVEMBER 23-25	LAKEWOOD
NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 4	LAKESIDE
DECEMBER 7-11	WOODLAND HILLS
DECEMBER 14-18	LAKEWOOD
DECEMBER 21-24	LAKESIDE
DECEMBER 28-31	BOXWOOD

Residents in these areas are reminded to please rake their leaves to the curb, but NOT INTO THE STREET. Also please help us keep the vacuum in working order by keeping stones, twigs and other debris away from the leaves.

Residents of GHI are reminded that all leaves MUST BE BAGGED and left on the service side. For GHI pick-up call 301-474-8004.

The Sound Scene

by Nick Mydra

It has been a while since you've seen The Sound Scene in the News Review. What with working nights, and weekends and other obligations, I haven't found or taken the time to do any articles. For example, two weeks ago the music department at Eleanor Roosevelt High School gave a performance Friday evening. I had to work, but you were able to read about it because I got someone else to cover it for me. The next day — Saturday — I went to a wedding and missed an evening with Stan Brown at the New Deal Cafe. The Steve Abshire Trio performed at the Arts Center Sunday evening, but again I had to miss it because I had a meeting at work. This last weekend, I planned to cover the music at the New Deal. Friday was open mike so I thought I would do a review on Saturday evening. Folk rock was the music du jour. Eighty six the music du jour to use a restaurant term, because I never made it to the New Deal. I got busy at home and by the time I could go, it was too late to do an adequate review. By now many of you are wondering what is the purpose of all this. Remember when I wrote an article about the lack of people going to art events in Greenbelt. I shook a pointed finger while doing a couple of tsk-tsk at some of Greenbelt's 21,000 residents while bemoaning the fact that many times the performers out-

Holiday Festival at State House

Beautiful decorations, hand-made quilts, candlelight and music will transform the Maryland State House into a holiday wonderland when it hosts the 23rd annual "State House by Candlelight" celebration from 7 to 9 p.m., Friday, December 4 and Saturday, December 5.

On Friday evening, visitors can enjoy musical performances by the Angus Violins, Chesapeake Youth Orchestra, Dixieland Combo from Eleanor Roosevelt High School and the Knights of Harmony. Saturday evening's entertainment will feature musical performances by the International Children's Group, Larksong, Kletzmer and the Mormon Choir, Jeff Holland, poet laureate of Eastport, and the First Night Annapolis mimes will be featured on both nights.

For further information, call 410-767-6325, 6317.



numbered the audience. I'm here to tell you that those of us who live in glass houses shouldn't necessarily throw stones. There is someone out there whose moccasins I have not walked in. For many of the 21,000 residents the phrase "so much to do and so little time to do it in" is an accurate phrase.

I went to the Greenbelt Theater and saw "The Wizard of Oz" the week after it opened. The woman at the box-office told me they did a great opening weekend. That's encouraging news for all who are involved in trying to keep the theater open. Speaking of the New Deal Cafe, I was there a while back during an open mike and those of us who were there had a ball. The evening ended in one big jam session. It was suggested that I write an article telling everyone what a great time we had, but that they didn't want any more people to have that fun. Like keeping the status quo. If you ask me, I think there is room enough for one more person. Lots of things are happening around these parts if you have or want to take the time to check them out. Oh! one last thing — get the blueberry pancakes if you happen to be by the new Deal for Sunday brunch — they are outstanding.

New Deal Cafe

Open
Fri. & Sat
7-11 pm



Music
8:30 pm
No cover

Friday, November 20

El Nino Girls
(unplugged)

Saturday, November 21

The Art of Meaning

Coming Nov. 28, Big Black Nun

Donations for Musicians Encouraged
Sunday Brunch 10 to 3
Greenbelt Community Center
(301) 474-5642

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Exclusive Greenbelt Items for *Everyone* on your list...pens, books, holiday cards, mugs, ornaments, Mother & Child statues and much more. Visit our gift shop (adjacent to the Museum) every Sunday from 1 pm to 5 pm, or the Holiday Craft Show at the Community Center on December 5 & 6.

Greenbelters Perform in Concert

by Rena Hull

The audience at Eleanor Roosevelt High School's Fall Concert on November 6 enjoyed an outstanding musical performance by five ERHS bands and orchestras. Many Greenbelt young people participated in these award-winning groups.

Performing in the Chamber Orchestra were Adelaide Barnes, Mark Fischer, and Jill Fitzpatrick.

Members of the Concert Orchestra included Madeline Bell, Rachel Brooks, Latrice Davis, Charlene Gerring, Heraa Hajelsafi, Rebecca Lemus, Shabnam Maxhari, Miriam Murillo, Tiffani Sampson, Eddie Serrano, and Julia Snyder.

Players in the Wind Ensemble were Maria Baquir, Nhi Danh, Matthew Gregory, Rebecca Lemus, Christine Maher, Jaime Pereira, Alicia Saunders, and Lisette Werbowetzki.

Performers in Concert Band I included Yemi Akinsiku, Julie Cha, Mo Cheng, Nicole Kelley, Sang-Hui Kim, Ji Sun Kwon, Jennifer McLaughlin, and Lauren Minor.

Playing in Concert Band II were Chihea Ahn, Ian Alexander, Joanna Andrus, Erica Baca, Ebonie Bland, Ariel Brown, Steven Byrd, Elisabeth David, Jamelah Fain, Grace Haliburton,



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Jeanene Harry, Michelle Hurwitz, Tiara Mallory, Philip Neforos, Gary Palmer II, and Candice Taylor.

The community is invited to ERHS for the Winter Concert on Friday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. for musical presentations by three more ERHS groups: Symphony Orchestra, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band III, and for the Concerto Concert on Friday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. featuring the ERHS Chamber Orchestra and soloists. These concerts are free and open to the public.

Cancer Patients Can Learn Beauty Tips

A free program for women undergoing cancer treatments will be held Monday, December 7 at 9-11 a.m., Washington Adventist Hospital (7600 Carroll Ave. Takoma Park,). Specially trained cosmetologists and beauticians will be on hand to help enhance one's self-image to look one's best. Call 1-800-542-5096 for more information.

Native American Month Proclaimed

Citing the richness of Native American heritage "from the Cumberland mountains to Salisbury's lower eastern shores and beyond," Governor Parris N. Glendening has proclaimed November as Native American Month.

"It is important to remember and celebrate the significant role Native Americans played in Maryland's past," said Governor Glendening. "Our history and culture are enriched by the many contributions of Native Americans to our heritage."

The proclamation notes that "Many of our rivers, streams, forests, trails, islands, towns and landmarks bear historical and cultural ties to Maryland's indigenous tribes through their names, oral legacies and other significant representation...."

"By signing the proclamation, the Governor and the state have begun to recognize the contributions of Maryland's Native Americans," said Leland A. McGee, chairman of the Commission on Indian Affairs.

The Prince George's Philharmonic

presents ERIC CONWAY, pianist
Sat., Nov. 21 8 p.m. High Point High School
3601 Powder Mill Road

Program—Charles Ellis, conductor
Piano Concerto No. 2..... Rachmaninoff
Symphony No. 5..... Shostakovich

TICKETS: Regular, \$12.50; Seniors/Students, \$8;
Children (ages 6-17) Free; Adult w/Child, \$5

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 November 26, 1998

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Showing through December 3rd!

In addition to regular times, the Wizard of Oz will show at 5 p.m. on Thanksgiving and at 2:45 p.m. the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Call theater or visit www.pgtheaters.com for additional showtimes.

This is the first in a series of events scheduled in an effort to SAVE THE GREENBELT THEATER. The Greenbelt Theater is one of the area's last wide screen theaters and a cornerstone of the community. For more information see www.ci.greenbelt.md.us.

Our Neighbors

Condolences to Larry Hull and his family on the recent death of his mother.

Congratulations to Bunny Fitzgerald who has been designated an "Outstanding Volunteer" by the Greenbriar community newsletter, the Greenbriar Town Crier. Bunny, who grew up in Maine, has been a resident of Greenbriar since 1984 and is a retired librarian, having worked for the Prince George's County Public Schools and Catholic University. She has two children and two grandchildren.

In the past she has performed volunteer work at her children's school, with the PTA, as a Girl Scout leader and at a Washington, DC nursing home. For Greenbriar, she is an alternate building representative, and involved in many activities, such as this year's Labor Day Festival. She is also active in the Greenbelt Golden Age Club and at Greenbelt Community Church.

Fitzgerald told the Crier that she enjoys being retired in Greenbelt and Greenbriar. She also urged others to "pitch in" and become an active part of the community. "Volunteering is good for everyone," she said, noting that it is a way to meet new people and make new friends while making you feel good about yourself and helping the community.

Army National Guard Pvt. Jerry J. Simmons has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC. Simmons is the brother of Joseph A. Blactette of Springhill Lane.

Marine Pfc. Marcus E. Bowers, son of Beverly A. Bowers of Greenbelt, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC. He is a 1998 graduate of

Crossland High School of Temple Hills.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class James A. Johnson, whose wife, Kimberly, is the daughter of Robert P. Watson of Greenbelt, recently participated in an Atlantic Joint Task Force Exercise while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, home ported in Norfolk, VA. The 1991 graduate of Calvert High School of Prince Frederick, joined the Navy in March 1994.

A total of seven students from the Greenbelt area are included in the 21st Annual Edition of the National Dean's List, 1997-98. Those selected are Aisha Collins, Bowie State University; Armando C. Cremata, University of Maryland, College Park; Seke G. Godo, Lincoln University; Cheyenne D. Hanna, University of Maryland, Eastern Shore; Noela Thi Thi, Prince George's Community College; Troy E. White, Howard University; and Donna Wilkinson, Columbia Union College.

Congratulations to Teresa Downs Shattuck of 22 Hillside, who has passed grade 22 and completed all requirements for her PhD. in health education at the University of Maryland. She attended St. Hugh's, Eleanor Roosevelt, San Diego State and Maryland. Her graduation is scheduled for December 20. Way to go, Teresa!

ELECTION

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mented on a self-fulfilling prophecy that when test scores are bad, parents of high scoring students remove their children, making scores go down even further.

Boarman stated that he meets monthly with each principal. Referring to Greenbelt Elementary, he indicated that the teachers are not happy with the test scores, there is some problem with disruptive students, and teachers are leaving because they are unhappy with their salaries. He commented that there has been some discussion about rehiring retired teachers, but that would require state legislature agreement to pay both the retirement pay and the full salary. At that, Council member Ed Putens indicated that the city is looking into issues for the next legislative session and would welcome input from teachers, schools, and the ACE.

Some Students to Leave

In response to a council question on the effects of changes in busing patterns, Boarman indicated that he had recently received a report about changes at ERHS that concern him. About 1000 students will leave ERHS, with some shifting to DuVal High School. He indicated that he was surprised and upset to see that the county is planning to move one-third of the science and tech students (300 out of 900) from ERHS to a new school, Ardmore. ERHS is set up to have 900 science

and tech students and removing some will mean the loss of some of his top teachers. Boarman intends to fight this change. He stated that "We put too much into Roosevelt" and "There's a perception in the county that they don't want Roosevelt to succeed" and that the county would be happier if Roosevelt were more similar to the other county high schools. He continued by saying that ERHS is one of the few schools in the entire country that has such a high reputation with a majority minority population.

Council member Alan Turnbull asked Boarman to describe "character education" in the cluster. Boarman said that during a summer retreat teachers and teams were trained to take the "character education" program back to the schools. This is the first year that this program is a cluster initiative and will become part of the ongoing school improvement process. The program related to developing values but each school can develop an individualized program. The idea is that "character is not a one-shot deal," it is a way of living.

ERHS Field Lights
Boarman described how ERHS is investigating the erection of lights on the playing field. There is citizen concern that lights might be installed without city input. Boarman emphatically denied that this will happen. He stated that they have met with a lighting company to get some general specifications and to try a portable light that is focused on the field with no back lighting escaping. However, money for the lights has not been finalized. Boarman feels that citizens are concerned that lights will bring night games and rowdiness. He indicated that his main dilemma is practice time, not game time. With school in session until 4 p.m., there are only 30 minutes to practice in the fall and winter before it is dark. Now the teams must travel to Lanham to practice. This problem affects football, soccer and cross county teams. There will be city input into the final decisions.



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DECEMBER 6TH FROM 11AM-4PM

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CITY OF GREENBELT Thanksgiving Holiday Service Schedule



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THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 26 & 27TH

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COUNCIL

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extensive. Candidates for lieutenant had earlier submitted applications and their evaluation had begun. Council's action in essence halted this process to determine if others would now be eligible.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomas White declared himself uncomfortable with that aspect of Council's action. He and others traced the process from the beginning when several months earlier Police Sgt. Doug Sappington, now an acting lieutenant, had requested the degree requirement be dropped in response to a decision by Police Chief James Craze and City Manager Michael McLaughlin to turn down his request. McLaughlin indicated that it was usual City procedure to review a job description only when there was some action on it rather than to conduct an overall review and assessment of position descriptions. Councilmember Ed Putens said that in government it's not unusual for various events, decisions, and policy changes to impact and sometimes halt or postpone personnel actions. In general, he thought the policy change was a good one and that council should support it.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts emphasized that he wanted to remain totally out of the individual personnel decision. He said that "something's going on here" and council should remain strictly out of the personnel process itself. However, he spoke in favor of the policy change, stating that he thought many good candidates could acquire their skills through experience and various types of training and that a degree, in and of itself, was not a deciding factor in determining the best candidate.

He insisted that the police chief and city manager, who must actually make the hiring decision, should have the responsibility of selecting the best candidate. He believed the change approved by council just enlarged the possible number of candidates for their consideration. Mayor Davis stated somewhat wistfully, "We actually thought we were helping," by changing this policy.

Witnesses saw it differently. Rogers, speaking on behalf of the FOP, urged council to pass whatever policy change it deemed appropriate but to have it go into effect after this individual personnel action had been completed. He said that the timing of the decision to eliminate the degree requirement was wrong.

Other witnesses upheld the degree requirement, including Chief Craze, who had been the force behind this requirement back in the 1980s because he felt then — and still did now — that a degree added to the professional quality of officers. Other police officers felt the same. They said that requirements were in place at each level of advancement and that all requirements needed to be upheld. In fact the demotion of former Lieutenant John Lann, who did not have a degree, actually precipitated this particular situation.

Several witnesses also pointed out that council had already been lenient by extending

the time for officers to get an associate degree. Sgt. Gregory Lynn said that it was definitely possible to get a degree if an officer gives it top priority. He said that he is a single father, does shift work and had obtained his degree.

Eventually council decided to rescind its earlier policy change and to keep the degree requirement for police lieutenant, at least through the duration of the ongoing personnel action. Mayor Davis indicated that this issue could be taken up again later. Council had indicated an interest in reviewing other job descriptions to determine where experience and training can substitute for education.

Record Crowd for "Wizard"

Sarah Schaffer, recreation coordinator, and W. Bowman Ferguson, senior management analyst, gave a positive report on the results of one of the first efforts in the campaign to save the Old Greenbelt Theater. Over 1,200 patrons — six and a half times the normal audience — attended a special showing of the "Wizard of Oz" on the weekend of November 6 - 8. Schaffer outlined upcoming plans, including performances of the "King and I," "Sound of Music," and possibly a Hitchcock film festival. The latter got an especially affirmative response from council and those in the audience. Ferguson thanked both the News Review and the Greenbelt Gazette for publicizing the film, which drew attendees from throughout the metro area.

Oil Filter Program

Council approved a one-year pilot project to recycle used oil filters. Deeming it a popular, easy step, council commended the Recycling Advisory Committee and the Public Works Department for coming up with another novel way to keep Greenbelt in the lead in recycling initiatives. Under the program, a contractor will bring in a 55-gallon drum and take it away when filled. The City is billed on the basis of the number of filters recycled. The City will apply for a grant for the one-year pilot and then the program would operate at the cost of about \$1,000 a year.

Education Presentation

Carol Vitale, executive director of the new Prince George's Educational Foundation, gave a brief presentation on the foundation and its programs. The foundation was created by the Prince George's County Board of Education to fund additional programs for area schools and students. She described a number of approaches for the foundation to raise money: a benefit kick-off, a new license plate, with extra monies going to the foundation, and a credit card where the foundation receives a portion of the income. Several towns have already opted to use the credit card for official purchases; staff will check to see if Greenbelt can do so.

By April, the foundation will be ready to fund grants to schools for special projects. In answer to a question from councilmember Alan Turnbull as to whether music and the arts will be eligible for grants, Vitale responded that definitely the arts will be included. She added that anything promoting education will be eligible for



Mayor Judith Davis presents award to Councilmember Thomas White from the Maryland Municipal League for his years of service.

-photo by Judy Nelson

these grants.

Other Business

Council approved a second study to continue research on the best and most cost effective retirement plan for city employees. A first and earlier study had examined the city's participation in the Maryland State Retirement Agency. The new study will continue that research by determining what's possible in today's market and if city employees could receive a higher benefit without increasing

the city's current contribution.

Mayor Davis read a proclamation in honor of America Recycles Day on November 15. Steve Perez accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Recycling Advisory Committee. Davis also presented a certificate of appreciation from the Maryland Municipal League to Mayor Pro-Tem Thomas X White for his service on the League's Legislative Committee.

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The day long event, which begins at 10 a.m. and runs through 5:30 p.m., will feature simultaneous scrimmage games between the school system's outstanding basketball teams. This activity will provide entertainment for the sports enthusiast or the young at heart at no cost!

Community College Presents Godspell

Prince George's Community College will present the musical Godspell at the Hallam Theatre in the Queen Anne Fine Arts Building on December 4, 5 at 7:30 p.m. and December 5, 6 at 2:30 p.m. There is a fee, and a reduced fee for children and seniors. For information and reservations, call 301-322-0444.

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Assault

7800 block of Jacobs Drive, Nov. 6, 8 p.m., a 42-year-old female resident was arrested after pointing a shotgun at a cable man who was at her residence to collect payment or take the cable boxes from the residence. The woman was left with the Department of Corrections for a hearing.

Armed Robbery

Chesapeake Bagel Bakery in Greenway Shopping Center, Nov. 9, 5:30 p.m., a man entered the store and told the clerk he would be placing a large order. He handed a robbery note to the clerk and showed her what she believed to be a gun protruding from a cloth. The clerk gave the robber the contents of the cash register. At that time the robber told the clerk to turn around and not scream or he would kill her. He then walked calmly from the scene.

7800 block of Mandan Road, Nov. 12, 10:02 a.m., a cab driver picked up a man as a fare for his cab. When they arrived on Mandan Road, the fare told the driver that he only had a \$100 bill and would get money from his girlfriend. The man returned, produced a knife, and demanded the driver's money. The victim gave his money to the robber. The robber fled on foot. The victim was not injured in the incident.

Drugs

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Nov. 9, 11:20 a.m., a 15-year-old male nonresident was arrested after being found to have a quantity of marijuana which indicated distribution. The youth was charged on peti-

tion and released to the Department of Juvenile Services.

Beltway Plaza Mall, Nov. 10, 10:24 p.m., four male non-residents ranging from 17 to 23 years of age were seen in a stairwell behind the mall. When security officers approached, a member of the group ran and jumped from the top deck of the parking garage, falling 30 feet. That person was apprehended later in his vehicle. All four were found to possess various quantities of

Hotline on Drugs

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cocaine or marijuana. The three adults were left with the Department of Corrections for hearings; the juvenile was charged on petition and released to a family member.

8000 block of Mandan Road,

Nov. 11, 12:48 a.m., a 37-year-old male resident was arrested after using keys which he took without permission to enter a neighbor's residence to steal prescription medication. The man was left with the Department of Corrections for a hearing.

7700 block of Jacobs Drive, Nov. 12, 4:45 p.m., a nonresident juvenile was arrested after a bicycle patrol officer observed the youth smoking a marijuana-packed cigar. As the officer approached, the juvenile fled on foot; he was quickly apprehended. The youth had paraphernalia in his possession and was charged on citation and released to his brother.

Burglary

100 block of Westway, Nov. 6, 4:40 p.m., jewelry was taken from a residence and the residence was ransacked. Entry was forced through a ground-level kitchen window.

7800 block of Vanity Fair Drive, Nov. 10, 9:21 p.m., a resident startled a robber at the foot of the stairs which led to the second floor of the victim's residence. The suspect fled. Nothing was taken during the incident. The front door of the residence was open and was the entry point.

Counterfeit Currency

6200 block of Breezewood Drive, Nov. 8, 1:12 a.m., a cab driver accepted a \$50 bill in payment for a fare and later

discovered the bill to be counterfeit.

Forged Prescription

Giant Pharmacy in Beltway Plaza Mall, Nov. 11, 12:37 p.m., a 48-year-old male non-resident was arrested after he attempted to obtain prescription medication with a forged prescription. He was left with the Department of Corrections for a hearing.

Animal Abuse

9100 block of Springhill Lane, Nov. 6, 12:55 p.m., a 26-year-old male resident was arrested after beating two pit bulls. He told officers that he was attempting to get rid of the animals. The man was left with the Department of Corrections for a hearing.

Vehicle Crimes

6400 block of Capitol Drive, Nov. 8, a black Isuzu Stylus with Maryland tags EZB 775 was stolen.

6000 block of Springhill Drive, Nov. 9, a silver 1992 Plymouth Acclaim with Maryland tags 921 ASE was stolen.

6300 block of Golden Triangle Drive, Nov. 11, a red 1995 Dodge Dakota truck with Virginia tags ABR 5024 was stolen.

Vandalisms to and thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, Beltway Plaza Mall, 8000 block of Mandan Road, 6700 block of Hanover Parkway, 7800 block of Somerset Court, 8100 block of Lakecrest Drive, and 1 court of Gardenway.

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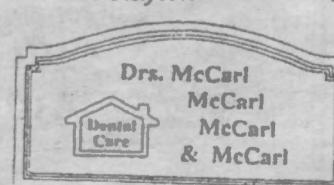
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Agents Now Certified To Sell Commercial

Adele Lewis, sales manager of the Greenbelt office of Coldwell Banker Stevens, Realtors announced that her office now has 12 Certified Commercial Specialists. This designation is required for any agent who wants to list or sell business or retail, office, industrial, apartment, and investment real estate. Besides the initial and on-going educational requirements, the "Certified Commercial Specialists" must maintain annual production requirements in order to retain the "CCS" designation. Sales associates

who have earned this designation are now prepared to offer a full range of commercial services throughout the Washington and Baltimore metropolitan areas.

The following agents are Certified Commercial Specialists in the Greenbelt office of Coldwell Banker Stevens, Realtors: Adele Lewis, Rachel Jefferies, Joseph Bethea, Joyce Alexander, Tina Hollis, Queketa Payton, Fred Jackson, Jr., Anthony Dunn, Audrey Claggett, Francine Flood, Ruben J. Reid and Fred J. Riley.

Greenbelter Muriel Yilmaz Hosts Radio Talk Show

Dubbed the Queen of Success by Business Radio 570 WWRC, Muriel Yilmaz, president of Mentor, Inc., a local business and career management consultant, hosts "The Success Hour," a program that answers listeners' career-related questions. "I don't like the way my boss speaks to me. What can I do about it?" asks a listener. Yilmaz gives her audience hard hitting advice and straightforward answers. "I am as tough as Dr. Laura, but I am not rude," says Yilmaz, who opens the phones each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. with pragmatic counsel about the job market, hiring, termination, and career transition processes, and insider information on what goes on behind the closed doors of corporations. She gives leadership techniques and skills to navigate "your way to success." Each weekday morning during drive time, Yilmaz presents live on WWRC "motivational minutes," which are excerpts from her seminars, success tips, or readings from her book, "Untangling Your NOTs." Muriel Yilmaz motivates and inspires her listeners to think more positively and take more positive action in their lives to achieve their desired outcomes and find peace of mind.

A resident of Greenbelt, for three years, Muriel is also the president of Greenbrook Village Homeowners Association (2nd year) and was the Mistress of Ceremonies for Opening Day Ceremonies at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival where Maryland Governor Parris Glendening was in attendance. Muriel serves on the board of the Literacy Volunteers of America, National Capital

Area and has been nominated for 1998-1999 Woman of the Year by the Leukemia Society (kicked off September 23, 1998).

With a master's degree in spiritual based applied psychology and more than 20 years in human resources management, eight years in career transition management and executive/entrepreneurial coaching, and currently a successful motivational speaker, Yilmaz lights the phone up with listener comments and questions both during and after the show. "I am overwhelmed by the number of people who are unhappy and complain about their work. I want people to work in jobs that work for them! I have the skill and experience to assist them in making a career transition, going after the next promotion, change their careers, or learn skills to be more effective and productive in their life and in their work."

Muriel works directly with corporations by presenting seminars that deal with communication, change management, team building, time and stress management, and other valuable personal and organizational success skills and with individuals to assess and facilitate positive results through assessment, information gathering, awareness raising, and a change of perception and attitude resulting in higher self esteem and worth. "Yes, the bottom line is important, but we only get there through the people," says Yilmaz. "I work with the people to get the results. The radio gives me another format to do my work and I reach a much larger audience comprised of people who come from all sides of the issues."

Greenbelt's Business

Business Will Work With Local Schools

The Board of Education announced a unique partnership with the business community through the development of the Corporate Partnership on Managerial Excellence (CPME). The CPME involves collaboration between administrators in the business sector and within the Prince George's County Public School System.

This year long partnership is designed to bring private sector business expertise to the school system in a unique and creative way to assist school administrators in more effectively managing business operations. Business men and women will work cooperatively with school system personnel who have the same job function, to help analyze and implement many of the recommendations of the recently completed independent audit by MGT of America, Inc.

Ed Hatch Elected To Realty Post

Ed Hatch of Greenbelt was recently elected vice-chairman of the Realtors National Marketing Institute, an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors. As vice-chairman, he will serve as the chief executive officer of the Institute, and chair meetings of the board of directors.



Edward Hatch

Hatch, the president of Ed Hatch Seminars in Greenbelt, is a senior instructor with the Residential Sales Council and has educated realtors across the country on the latest marketing strategies. He is the author of numerous articles in real estate magazines and of a book, "Mega-Million Dollar Secrets."

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All of the companies that have agreed to participate do business in Prince George's County. Among the Greenbelt firms participating in the program are Suburban Bank of Maryland and Lockheed Martin.

At the end of the project, a report will be developed which will clearly identify what the teams believe needs to be done. Additionally, ideas and procedures on how to implement the new changes will be reported. The report will be available to the public.

For additional information, or to participate, contact Hope Hall at 301-952-6005.

Clifton Gunderson Promotes Three

Clifton Gunderson L.L.C., Certified Public Accountants, announced several promotions in its Greenbelt office. Roy Cogliandolo, Dean Feehley and Kelly Yang were promoted to in-charge accountant, while Gregory Bussink was promoted to supervisor.

Clifton Gunderson L.L.C. is the 12th largest CPA and consulting firm in the United States, with 49 offices in 11 states, providing tax, audit, accounting, and advisory services to individual and business clients.

Local CPA Named To Advisory Post

Amelia S. Leswing, CPA, CGFM, recently was appointed to the Fairfax County School Board Advisory Committee. The committee is responsible for advising elected school board members on issues ranging from policy to academic curriculum.

Leswing, a manager in Clifton Gunderson L.L.C.'s Greenbelt office, specializes in governmental accounting and auditing, performance and operational reviews, internal control reviews, and business consulting.

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Festival Games

by Sandy Smith

Competitions got off to an early start in the Labor Day weekend, with games for kids of all ages. There were a variety of games and competitions to test the skill, endurance, and athletic ability of everyone from crawlers to balloon stompers. This year's competition featured some new and surprising contests as well as the traditional diaper derby for the youngest participants. In the diaper derby, Judah Roorda won first place, Jeremy Lilly was second, and Samantha Chayatte came in third out of a large field of crawlers.

A number of races were held. For girls two and under the winners were Devon Garcia, first; Corene Cantwell, second; and Autumn Murry, third. Boys two and under had these winners: in first place, Robert Zurba; in second, Zachary Shattuck; and in third, Jonathan Penhale. The demanding frog leap race was won by Rachael Dindlebeck, with Jodi Wildoner in second place and Thomas Best coming in third.

The red light/green light competition was won by Michael Clermont; Felicia Ralph was second, and Rosie Cummings was third. The spoon race, requiring speed and dexterity, had these winners: Shane Kellaher in first place, Sarah Fitzner in second place, and Andrew Murray in third.

A race quite appropriate for Maryland—the crab walk race—was won by Billy Foerter, with Jeff Cafibaugh in second place and Shelby Hibbs in third. Kids' games included another tricky competition this year—the backwards jump race, which was won by Connor Hibbs. Jacob Silver was second and Jason Deland third going backwards.

Balance and speed were required for the hop-on-one-foot race. Camden Cantwell won the hop race, and Robby Dindlebeck and Jason Deland were second and third. There were three first-place winners in the jump rope contest: Lauren Best, Julia McLaughlin, and Dina Goldberg-Strassler. The hula hoop contest also had a tie with two first-place winners: Tyler Hibbs and Connor Hibbs. Keeping it in the family, Jessi Hibbs won second place and Julie Nohe won third.

Finally, the balloon stomp contest brought out some of the fiercest competition. The contest was won by Joseph Soule, with Timmy Rousseau in second place and Steven Nohe taking third place.

Philharmonic Honor For Audrey Scott

Audrey E. Scott will be honored by the Prince George's Philharmonic for her outstanding support of the orchestra. A first chair will be dedicated to the County Councilwoman in appreciation of her efforts on behalf of serious music in the county. The tribute will take place at a concert on Saturday, November 21, at 8 p.m. at High Point High School in Beltsville.

The program will consist of Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 and Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5. The featured pianist is Eric Conway, about whom the Baltimore Sun stated: "Conway plays with both elegance and panache." Charles Ellis is the conductor.



Batter Up! Labor Day 1998.

- photo by Joe Polanin



Marylanders scuttle to the finish line in the Labor Day Crab Walk Race.

- photo by Joe Polanin



Caleb Valentich smiles between 2-man Volleyball Champs, Rich Valentich and dad, Steve, Labor Day '98.

- photo by Debbie Bakaysa



Moms and spectators delight in the annual toddler derby.

- photo by Joe Polanin

Eagle Scout Creates Trail at Refuge

The Patuxent Research Refuge has a new trail that will provide access for everyone, including those with mobility impairments, to a freshwater marsh for wildlife viewing, fishing, and hunting. Trail construction was an Eagle Scout project for Jebadiah Boseck of Troop 740, College Park. Over 500 volunteer hours were contributed to the refuge to complete this project.

The short, gravel-packed trail has a platform at the edge of the marsh from which anglers can try their luck for largemouth bass and bluegill; permitted hunters can seek out Canada geese, mallards or wood ducks in season; and wildlife watchers and photographers can view great blue herons, beaver, or possibly a bald eagle, or listen to a chorus of cricket frogs in warmer months.

The new trail is located at the North Tract of Patuxent Research Refuge. The North Tract entrance is located on Rt. 198 approximately one mile east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Visitors can get additional information at the Visitor Contact Station or by calling 410-674-3304, TDD 410-674-4625.

Scholarship Deadline Set for December

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All requests for applications must include the following: student's name, permanent home address, city, state, zip code, name of current high school or college, approximate GPA, and year in school during the 1998-99 academic year.

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Blue Ribbon Award Presented to ERHS

Senator Paul S. Sarbanes visited Eleanor Roosevelt High School November 18 to congratulate the faculty and students on being recognized as a Blue Ribbon School Award winner from the United States Department of Education in May this year. Eleanor Roosevelt High School is one of only 166 secondary schools nationwide, and one of five throughout Maryland, to have received this designation. The largest school in Maryland, Eleanor Roosevelt has been recognized for its outstanding teaching performance and exemplary record of student achievement, which leads 87% of its students to pursue further degrees while simultaneously supporting numerous performing arts groups and one of the largest athletic programs in the state.

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U.S. Senators Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD) and Paul S. Sarbanes (D-MD) today announced that the omnibus appropriations bill includes \$17.5 million to reduce class size in Maryland. The initiative is aimed at reducing class size in grades 1-3 by recruiting, training, and hiring new teachers. Research shows that smaller class size, particularly in the early grades, improves student achievement. The funding will go directly to local Maryland school jurisdictions. Montgomery and Prince George's counties will receive \$3.85 million under the new initiative. The program will provide for approximately 425 new teachers across the state. Prince George's County will receive \$2,186,168.

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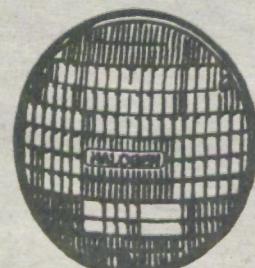
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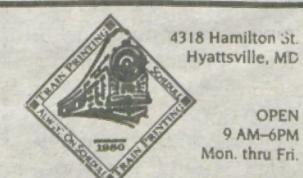
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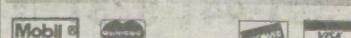
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Joe Griffith Is on the Run

by Diane Oberg

For Greenbelt resident Joe Griffith, running in the Disney World Marathon on January 10 in Orlando, Florida will be a "personal thing." He will be running the race as a member of the Leukemia Society's "Team in Training" to raise funds for the Leukemia Society of America and in honor of two family members who died of the disease. His aunt, Cathy Ulitchney, died of leukemia in 1965 at age 27. His brother Bill died in 1991 at age 37 from Hodgkin's disease. The Leukemia Society is a national voluntary health agency dedicated to curing leukemia, multiple myeloma, Hodgkin's disease and the lymphomas, and to improving the quality of life for patients and their families. The funds raised will be used to support the society's programs including research, patient aid, and education.

Griffith, a 46-year-old captain in the District of Columbia police force, grew up in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and moved to the metropolitan area in 1970. He came to Greenbelt in 1979 and currently lives in Windsor Green with his wife and two daughters. He serves on the city's Employee Relations Board and referees high school football.

Griffith began running in 1995 to get in shape in preparation for attending the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy. After graduation from the academy, he kept on running to stay in shape and joined the Prince George's Running Club. When he saw the ad for the Leukemia Society marathon and training program in a running magazine, "It just clicked." Here was something where he could both raise funds for a worthy cause and meet a personal goal of running a marathon. And, given his family history, "This is a cause I could really relate to."

Griffith says that the Leukemia Society's Team in Training is the largest marathon training program in the country. Participants are provided with coaches, and a training program and schedule. He began training in early September and will continue through December. He is training with over 100 other team members from the Metropolitan area. The training includes running in a series of increasingly longer races to prepare for the 26.2 mile marathon. On Sunday, November 1, at the midpoint of his training program, he ran an 18 mile run through the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

Griffith has set a personal fundraising goal of \$3,100. He is seeking contributions from local citizens and businesses. In addition, the St. Hugh's Council of the Knights of Columbus is planning a spaghetti dinner later this year to help out. All funds are handled by First Union Bank. Griffith gets weekly reports of his progress toward his goal. Anyone wishing to contribute may send a check, made out to the Leukemia



Joe Griffith

Society of America. Please include a notation that it is a contribution for Joe Griffith, #170057. The mailing address is: Leukemia Society of America, Team in Training, c/o First Union Bank, P. O. Box 421, Merrifield, VA 22116-0421. Anyone wanting additional information about the Leukemia Society may call 703-960-1100.

Lacrosse Club Seeks Coaches

A local boys' lacrosse club is looking for Greenbelt parents and volunteers to expand the club's programs by adding a new team and building a girls' program.

Prince George's Lacrosse Club (PGLC) fielded two teams in the Southern Maryland Youth Lacrosse Association (SMYLA) last year—a junior team (ages 13-15) and a midget team (ages 11-12).

PGLC wants to add a Pee-Wee team (ages 8-10) next season, and to find out if there is community interest in starting girls' teams.

"I know there are kids who want to play," Ulwick said, "but I can't enter a Pee-Wee team in the League until I get a commitment from someone to coach." According to Ulwick, prior lacrosse experience is not a prerequisite.

Starting a girls' program is probably more complicated. "We've never had a girls' team before," said Ulwick, "but we'd

be happy to try if there are girls out there who want to play, and parents who are willing to coach. What we really want to know is whether there is enough support."

PGLC practiced and played all of its home games at Greenbelt Middle School. Club spokesman Jim Ulwick said that a number of Greenbelt boys came out last year, and he hopes for more this year.

Last year "our teams had boys from Greenbelt, College Park, Hyattsville, University Park, and other local towns," said Ulwick. "We hope to expand the program in 1999, and we'd really like to see more Greenbelt kids, especially since we practice and play right here."

The SMYLA season runs from mid March through mid May. PGLC plans to run clinics in late February and begin practices in early March.

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Armory Parking Lot Is Slated for Park and Ride

by Al Geiger

At a November 12 work session, the Greenbelt City Council met with Jim Atkins and Fred Martin, representing the National Guard, to discuss the use and future plans for the Greenbelt Armory and its substantial parking lot. Max Azizi, representing the State Highway Administration (SHA), was also present.

Currently two National Guard units (one infantry and one artillery) occupy the armory. These units include approximately 200 soldiers, four or five of whom are assigned full-time. Atkins said the armory is occasionally, but seldom, rented out. Mayor Judith Davis said that the city needs to be informed of these occasions because public safety is a concern of the city.

Park and Ride

Azizi said SHA and the armory are developing a memorandum of agreement whereby the parking lot between the armory and the Citgo station on

Southway would become an official Park and Ride lot. SHA would resurface and line paint the lot for this purpose. The initial agreement would be for five years.

SHA would be responsible for general maintenance and snow removal. Although there are no present plans for a bus stop at the lot, the possibility could be explored, Azizi said.

Honor Guards

Council then brought up the question of the status of the prefabricated building on the lot formerly used as a BWI shuttle terminal. Martin said the building will be repaired and used temporarily as an office for the team supporting the Maryland National Guard Military Honors Detail. If the U.S. Armed Forces active components or veterans organizations cannot provide military honors for deceased military veterans, the Guard will do so. The State of Maryland has appropriated approximately \$300,000 for this purpose, which has been made necessary because of the reduced availability of active duty honor guards following budget cuts.

Landscaping

The armory is the first thing people see as they enter old Greenbelt. The armory representatives inquired if the city would want to do anything to enhance the entrance in front of the armory and along the street by the parking lot. Council agreed that city horticulturist Bill Phelan should be invited to look into possibilities.

Councilman Alan Turnbull inquired if the city could contribute, by way of machinery and operators, to the construction of tree wells in the proposed Park and Ride lot. Details of development plans, it was agreed, will have to be worked out between SHA, the

National Guard and the city.

Telecommuting Center

Council was interested in the fact that several armories around the state, including one in Laurel, have telecommuting facilities. Telecommuting allows an employee to work at a location other than his or her office, at least part of the time, thus reducing traffic and wasted time spent in commuting.

The National Guard has also expressed interest but fears the armory does not have enough space available, as it is already being overcrowded. The BWI shuttle building, on the other hand, is probably too small for such a purpose.

Karp Family School Jewish Book Fair

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